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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No: 10/587,778  
Applicants: Hajime MAEKAWA, et al.  
Filed: July 28, 2006  
Title: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING  
SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, TUNNEL  
MANAGEMENT APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING  
METHOD, TUNNEL MANAGEMENT METHOD, AND PROGRAM  
TC/A.U.: 2453  
Examiner: Esther Benoit  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action dated **January 14, 2011**, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.